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Nevada Irrigation District Representative
1036 W. Main Street
Grass Valley, CA 95945

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NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

RE: AB 52 Notification Request, California Environmental Quality Act Public Resources Code section 21080.3, subd. (b) Request for Formal Notification of Proposed Projects within the United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) of the Auburn Rancheria's Geographic Area of Traditional and Cultural Affiliation

Dear Nevada Irrigation District Representative:

In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1, subd. (b), The United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) of the Auburn Rancheria, which is traditionally and culturally affiliated with a geographic area within your agency's geographic area of jurisdiction, requests formal notice of and information on proposed projects for which your agency will serve as a lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of a map that depicts the ancestral territory that the UAIC is traditionally and culturally affiliated with. UAIC's traditionally and culturally affiliated geographic area is supported by, and has been developed through, multiple lines of evidence including oral tradition, history, ethnography, geography, linguistic, kinship, biology, archaeology, anthropology, folklore, other relevant information and expert opinion, and Congressional action through the Auburn Indian Restoration Act of 1994 (H.R. 4228 [103rd]).

Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1, subd. (b), and until further notice, we hereby designate the following person as the tribe's lead contact person for purposes of receiving notices of proposed projects from your agency:

Lead Contact:
Gene Whitehouse,
Chairman
10720 Indian Hill Road
Auburn, CA 95603
916-883-2320

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We request that all notices be sent via certified U.S. Mail with return receipt and that your notices specify a lead contact person for your agency. Following receipt and review of the information your agency provides, within the 30-day period outlined in Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1, subd. (d), the UAIC may request consultation, as defined by Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1, subd. (b), pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.2 to discuss issues including the type of environmental review to be conducted, project alternatives, significant effects of the project and mitigation measures for any project impacts (direct, indirect and cumulative) a specific project may cause to tribal cultural resources.

For your information, UAIC's policy is to be present during project cultural resource surveys, including initial pedestrian surveys, to identify tribal cultural resources. UAIC's policy is also to be provided all existing cultural resource assessments, including the request for and results of any records search that may have been conducted prior to the initial survey or consultation meeting. Finally, UAIC's general policy is preservation in place and avoidance of tribal cultural resources, and any subsurface testing or data recovery must not occur without first consulting with UAIC and receiving UAIC's written consent.

We recommend that your agency retain this correspondence in your permanent files. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Marcos Guerrero, Cultural Resources Manager, at (530) 883-2364 or by email at mguerrero@auburnrancheria.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gene Whitehouse', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Gene Whitehouse,
Chairman

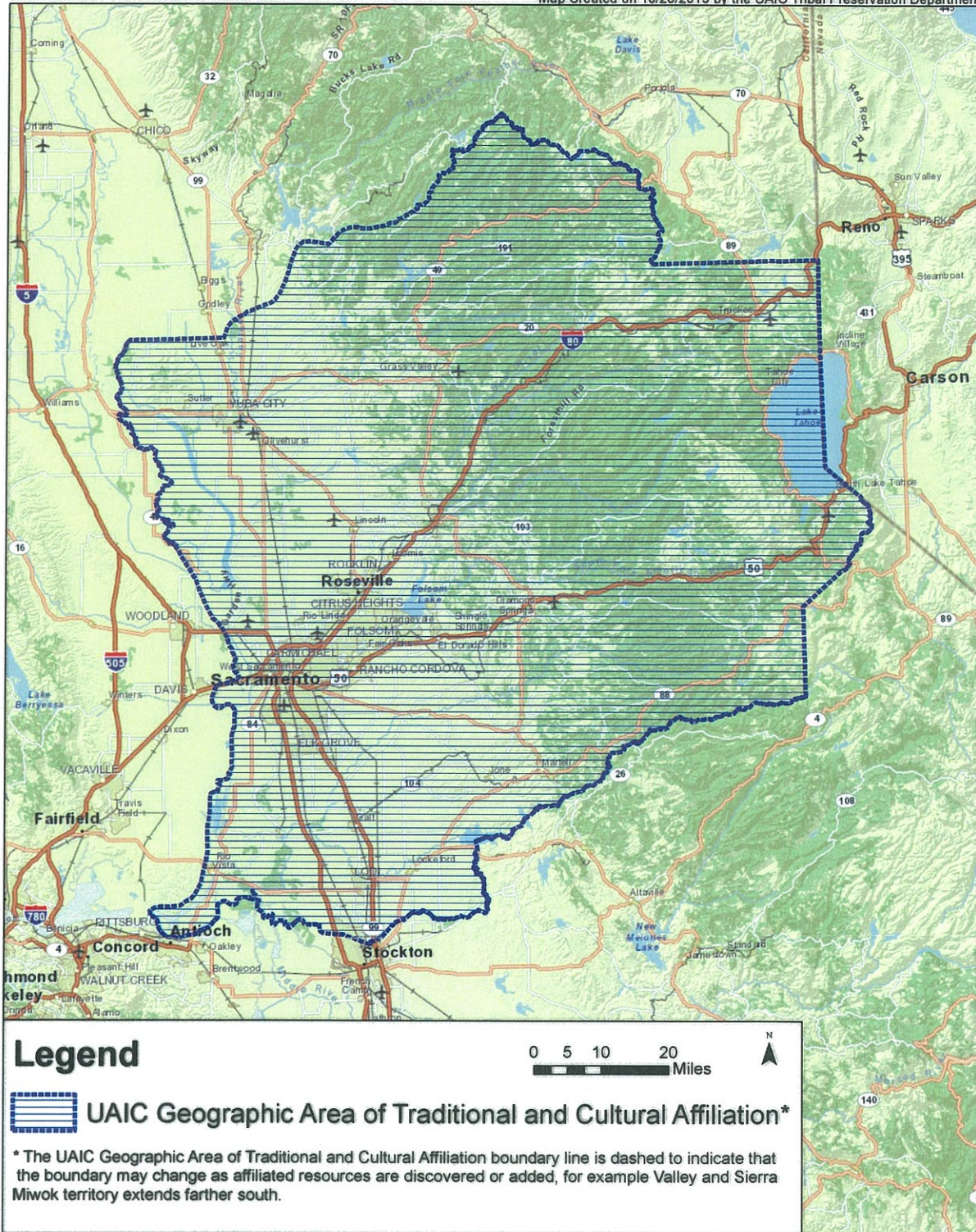
CC: Jason Camp, THPO
Marcos Guerrero, CRM
Cynthia Gomez, NAHC

UAIC Geographic Area of Traditional and Cultural Affiliation

(for the purposes of California AB 52)

This area includes all of Amador, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter and Yuba counties as well as portions of Butte, Plumas, San Joaquin, Sierra, Solano, and Yolo counties.

Map Created on 10/28/2015 by the UAIC Tribal Preservation Department



This map is no substitute for direct consultation with UAIC prior to considering any proposed project or commencing any archaeological activities in or around sensitive areas.

Note: While we make every effort to identify Tribal Cultural Resources that exist within the UAIC Geographic Area of Traditional and Cultural Affiliation, it is highly probable that there are additional, older sites that we have not yet identified due to restricted access or other reasons or that agricultural or construction activities have distributed burials and cultural materials beyond the previously known boundaries of these sites. Even if these materials are in a disturbed condition, they still retain cultural value to UAIC and should be respected and protected. Because of this, thorough survey with a qualified Native American Monitor to confirm site boundaries and search for unknown sites is critical. This survey should be conducted after consultation with the Tribe and prior to the final determination of the type of environmental document to be used.